

# News Advisory



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## Newest State Parks Commissioner

### Clint Eastwood Joins State Parks Team At Big Basin Anniversary Celebration

SANTA CRUZ – Actor/producer/director Clint Eastwood will be sworn in as the newest member of the California Park and Recreation Commission on Saturday, June 8, and in his first official public act will kick off a 100-day celebration leading up to the 100-year anniversary of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, the oldest state park in California.

Eastwood, well known for his role as the tough-talking street cop in “Dirty Harry” films, will be presented with his new badge during the event – the honorary gold State Parks badge afforded members of the California Park and Recreation Commission. Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Joseph W. Cotchett will swear in Eastwood.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park is in the picturesque Santa Cruz Mountains. The battle to save the area from extensive logging in the 1800s sparked the redwood conservation movement in California, which is generally recognized as the precursor to the environmental movement in the state.

**WHAT:** Clint Eastwood to be sworn in as newest State Parks Commissioner; will deliver remarks on the start of the 100-day celebration leading up to the 100-year anniversary of the oldest state park in California. He, along with State Parks Acting Director Ruth Coleman and members of the State Park and Recreation Commission, will take a brief walking tour of the park.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 8, 2002. 11:30 a.m. arrival, noon program.

**WHERE:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 23 miles north of Santa Cruz via Highways 9 and 236.